

# Hawaii MARINE

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Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Marines from 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment execute one of many combat conditioning exercises during a course put on by instructors from Regimental Schools, Nov. 19.

## 1/12 pushes through combat conditioning

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**

*Combat Correspondent*

Grimacing faces, loud voices and tired bodies are a common site on Pop Warner Field, but the gestures are usually part of a sports game. The scene the morning of Nov. 19 sounded similar, but the look was more of combat games.

Marines and Sailors from 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment are now pushing their bodies through a shortened combat conditioning course held by Regimental Schools.

"It was pretty strenuous," said Lance Cpl.

Michael T. Johnson, wireman, Headquarters Company, 1/12. "I got a lot out of it both physically and mentally. My body didn't want to keep going at times, but I had to convince myself to just gut it out."

The conditioning consisted of five stations and lasted nearly two hours.

Wearing packs and carrying rifles, participants had to tackle all five stations. While one group circled the track four times, the rest performed exercises at each of the other four stations.

*See COURSE, A-5*



Lance Cpl. James L. Yarboro

Capt. James Sweeney, India Company commander swears in Sgt. Claude Watson and Cpls. Samuel Biles and Rosell Floresmartinez, all with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, at their re-enlistment ceremony at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, Nov. 13, 2004.

## 3/3 Devil Dogs re-up in desert

**Lance Cpl. Rich Mattingly**

*3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment*

**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** — Just a few days after arriving in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, three noncommissioned officers from India Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, re-enlisted here.

Sgt. Claude Watson of Jamaica, a machinegunner, and Cpls. Samuel Biles of Yorktown, Va., and Rosell Floresmartinez of Opalacka, Fla., both riflemen, "re-upped" for four more years Nov. 13 in the shadows of the Hindu Kush Mountains.

"It's motivating," said Watson succinctly. "Someone's got to do it, and I hope it motivates the junior Marines to stay in."

It was the first re-enlistment for all three Marines, who were treated to the unexpected surprise of a higher bonus than many of their counterparts who re-enlisted in garrison. The Marines received anywhere from \$18,000 to \$22,000 as a bonus, according to the battalion's career planner. All three Marines also earned their duty station preference and 14 days of free leave when they return from the battalion's current deploy-

*See RE-ENLIST, A-5*

## Wounded in action



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Lance Cpl. Bryan Bodrog, 20, machinegunner, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, gets a little assistance from Navy Chaplain (Cmdr.) Arthur M. Brown at Hickam Air Force Base. Bodrog was injured in Iraq by a rocket propelled grenade, but he expects to make a quick recovery. Bodrog recalls riding atop a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle during Operation Phantom Fury in Fallujah, Iraq. The San Jose, Calif., native said the rocket propelled grenade flew his way and part of it hit his left shoulder, then exploded a few feet away, leaving wounds throughout his left leg. Three wounded 1/3 warriors arrived back on the island early Friday morning to be evaluated by Tripler Army Medical Center medical personnel. All are expected to recover and eventually return to duty.

## Stackpole celebrates Corps, warrior spirit

**Sgt. Jerome L. Edwards**

*Press Chief*

The Pacific War Memorial Lecture Series continued, Nov. 17. The series, which invites prominent members of society to provide military members with an outside perspective of the world, began in 2002 with University of Hawaii football team's head coach June Jones. Other speakers have included U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie, (D-1st District) and a national force in American broadcast journalism, Mr. Bill O'Reilly.

This year's speaker was rather unique to the series as he has real world experience on both sides of the fence. Lt. Gen. (retired) Henry C. "Hank" Stackpole III, former Marine Forces Pacific Commander and now President of U.S.

Pacific Command's Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

Stackpole spoke about the importance of the Asia-Pacific region to the United States, its role in the global war on terror, its part in the forward development of democracy and how important the Marines are to developing this relationship "because we've been here so long we understand the culture."

Stackpole also spoke about cultural awareness, basic leadership principles and the nature of the Marine Corps. "I want to emphasize that no other service has every man and woman a rifleman and the importance of that is what makes us what we are," Stackpole said.

"It is important we continue to remember teamwork first and foremost," he continued. "I like what General Mattis said with [First Marine Division] in Iraq: 'We [the Marines] are your best friend and your worst enemy' and that is very important to remember. The first time anyone shot at me in anger with the intent to kill, I realized that war was an insane form of human intercourse," said Stackpole.

The Asia-Pacific Theater was another area

Stackpole addressed.

"The whole purpose of a democratic society is you're there to support the people, not suppress them, to control violence, not unleash it. That is an important lesson countries are learning. There have been 17 elections across the Asia-Pacific, including ours (and, yes, we are an Asia-Pacific country) and most ... were successful democratic efforts. Sure, they had their warts and blemishes, but the outcome wasn't a military takeover, it was the voice of the people."

He also drove home the point of the entire reason the United States has a Marine Corps.

"We [Marines] receive the only order a Marine has ever needed and everybody else is subset. That order is 'I do solemnly swear to support and defend the constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic.' That is our reason for being," said Stackpole.

Stackpole closed by praising the Marine warrior spirit.

"Nobody likes to fight, but somebody has to know how and the Marines do it better than anybody else in the world."

## DoD confirms Hawaii KIA

**Hawaii Marine Staff**

*MCB Hawaii Public Affairs*

The Department of Defense has confirmed the death of one Kaneohe Bay Marine as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cpl. Michael R. Cohen, 23, of York, Penn., died Nov. 22.

Cohen enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 2002, and attended the School of Infantry, Camp Lejeune, N.C., from April until June 2002, where he trained to become a rifleman in the United States Marine Corps.

Cohen was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

His awards include the National Defense Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.



# News Briefs

## Tripler Holiday Lighting Ceremony set for Wednesday

Tripler Army Medical Center will conduct its annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 outside the hospital's oceanside entrance. The ceremony will include the traditional lighting of the tree and entertainment from the Pacific Fleet Band. In addition, Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance at the ceremony to delight children of all ages.

## State Alert to Sound Wednesday

The State Civil Defense monthly test of sirens and the Emergency Alert System will be held Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. The siren test is a steady 45-second tone, used to alert the public of emergencies that pose or may pose a threat to life and property.

## CG to Host Community Meeting

Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III will host an informational meeting for the base community on the evening of Dec. 15 at the base theater. All housing and barracks residents are invited.

## Base Post Office Extends Hours

To better serve the community during the Christmas season, the MCBH Post Office also will be starting their extended holiday hours on Nov. 29 continuing until Dec. 23. The hours of operation will be Mon. – Fri. from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you have questions please call the MCB Hawaii Post Office at 257-2008.

## Mokapu Gate Lanes Change

Effective Dec. 1, both inbound and outbound traffic through the Mokapu (back) gate shall utilize the incoming lanes only. This will allow construction work to be done on the outbound lanes as part of the final phase of the Mokapu gate improvements project. By Christmas, all traffic lanes should be reopened and normal traffic patterns restored.

## CG Invites Input

The commanding general of MCB Hawaii would like to hear your comments regarding:

- What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing?
- What are we not doing that we should be doing?
- What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Your responses should include a recommendation for a solution.

E-mail your suggestions to the commanding general at CGMAIL@mcbh.usmc.mil.

If you don't have an e-mail account, you can fax your suggestions to 257-3290, or you can mail them to:

Commanding General (Attn: CG Mail)  
MCB Hawaii  
Box 63002  
MCB Kaneohe Bay, HI 96863-3002

Your suggestions can also be dropped off in person on base at the Adjutant's office in building 216, room 1.

## PWMA Accepts Brick Orders

Due to continued interest in the "Walkway of Honor" bricks located at the Pacific War Memorial adjacent the entrance to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, the Pacific War Memorial Association is accepting orders online at [www.PacificWarMemorial.org](http://www.PacificWarMemorial.org), or call 533-3759. Orders will be accepted until Dec. 15.

## Important Phone Numbers

On-Base Emergencies	257-9111
Military Police	257-7114
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# In the CG's Mailbox



TRAUTMAN

CG Mail:

The base 802 Housing Maintenance can do a better job at extermination. I reside at the 2700 block of Cushman Avenue and today, Oct. 18, I am waiting approval from my maintenance manager, John Padeken, to spray my home for an infestation of ants. Normally, 802 Housing requires the residents to take care of their own pest control, however, if there are cases when the resident has tried to take control of pests, then 802 can assist with extermination. At this point, I have sprayed Ortho Home Defense inside and outside of my home, baited my kitchen and bathroom with traps, and bombed my home with Ortho Hi-Power to get rid of these ants. I have complained to the tenant relations manager, Sandy Howard, about my ants and he instructed me to use Taro Baits which don't work and are like sugar to these ants, and call my maintenance manager (which I have and will probably take 3 – 4 days for a response and treatment from Base Facilities). Being asked "do I think if I am the only person who lives in housing" by Sandy is frustrating enough when we pay money to a landlord who is not going to provide proper service or care to its tenants. My recommendation is for 802 Housing to allot some of the monthly \$200 and more to a commercial exterminator. Ants, roaches, centipedes, etc. ... are routine and so should extermination. I have investigated prices of extermination and they are listed below:

- Exterminators:
1. **Grim Reaper:** 261-7609, \$165 initial visit and 1 treatment, interior and exterior, 60 day warranty;
  2. **Hitman Exterminator:** 261-3990, \$75 initial visit and 2 treatments, 90 day warranty;
  3. **Orkin:** 528-7378, \$125 initial visit and 30 day warranty, \$80 initial visit, \$49.50 a month for 12 months or \$115 initial visit, \$72 a month for 6 months;
  4. **Terminix:** 486-5047, \$150 initial visit or \$100 with \$50 off coupon, 90 warranty.
- If there are more than twenty units, with five families paying \$200 a month for twelve months in a year, then part of \$240,000 can be used for pest control.

Stacey N. Humphrey

Dear Mrs. Humphrey,

The commanding general asked me to respond to your e-mail regarding the extermination of ants at your residence because your concern falls within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you took the time to participate in the CG Mail program. Because the tropics are home to a wide array of insects, they cannot be totally eliminated. They can, however, be controlled. The Family Housing Department has been working very closely with Pest Control personnel from the base's Facilities

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*(Editor's Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)*

Department to alleviate the ant situation you describe. When you called the housing inspector, your order was placed with the Facilities Department the same day and service was provided within three days. We apologize for any misunderstanding that may have occurred, and for the manner in which your concerns were initially addressed.

Your comment about allotting a portion of your maintenance fees towards pest control is a good suggestion, however, these fees can only be used towards the repair and maintenance of our facilities. We are constrained with the services we are able to provide; services like refuse collection, utilities and pest control must be paid for out of the Housing budget.

During an internal review of your suggestion, we called the companies you referenced, as well as others, and found that our response times are comparable to those normally provided by private contractors. But, while their average response times vary between four and five days, we average three days or less.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention. Should you have additional concerns on this subject, please contact my point of contact for Tenant Relations, Mr. Andy Gasper at 216-3155.

Sincerely,  
Kent Murata  
Assistant Chief of Staff G4

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## NBC's actions outrage former Marine

Combat is not a "reality" show. It is a parallel universe of reluctant pilgrims where the rules are harsh and mistakes rarely forgiven. There are no "life lines" or safety nets. It is a place of unimaginable violence, horror and sudden death, where adrenaline, fear, and fatigue flow through a man's veins like a drug. There are no timeouts, and often, no time to think.

In this universe, there are no return matches. Only an ever present "fear factor" beyond the imagining of even Hollywood's most perverted. It is something a man never forgets, and is forever reluctant to speak about afterwards — if he is lucky enough to

come home.

Compare this to NBC's universe where greed and moral cowardice is the engine that drives their world. Where somewhere in the dark bowels of that putrid planet, a degenerate (and anonymous) producer decided to use a miniscule film clip of Marines in combat as unwitting actors in his pursuit of ratings. This is not "news" nor is it "journalism". It is politically correct pornography done for profit.

With a 30-second film clip from a two-dimensional camera, NBC has managed to create a counterfeit morality play that threatens the life and future of a brave young Marine. But of course "truth" is a language rarely spoken in this dark kingdom of the networks unless it is coincidental to the ratings.

This young Marine and his squad had been in combat for seven days. Does the hero producer at NBC have any idea what this actually entails? No sleep to speak of, for starters. No showers and

often no time to eat. Repeated rushes of adrenaline that leave you sick to your stomach and intensely thirsty. There is fear you can smell above the stench of your own unwashed body. And then there is the smell of blood ... . None of these things can pass through the soulless technology of a camera.

This Marine had been shot in the face three days earlier. His comrade was killed. Yet he returned to his unit. There are few human units as close as a Marine squad in combat. It is, if possible, even closer than a loving family.

Imagine then, your comrade who is closer than a brother, is hit as he kneels next to you. You will remember thinking how much blood there is. You grip his hand fiercely as "Doc," your Navy corpsman works frantically to save his life. But there is too much damage and at the end your brother calls out for his mother. You don't forget these things either.

Vietnam was a war of great ironies, not the least of which was the candidacy 40 years later of a self-confessed war criminal

See LETTER, A-4

# Word on the street

## What are you most thankful for?



**Cpl. Terrance Carson**  
Supply Chief  
Headquarters, MAG-24

"I'm thankful for just being alive."



**Ali Kimble**  
Family Member

"My husband."



**Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Kimble**  
Religious Programmer

"I'm most thankful for my family."



**1st Lt. Anthony R. Smith**  
Adjutant  
1/12

"I'm most thankful to be living in America and being able to serve my country and make a difference."



**Lance Cpl. Preston Hines**  
Network Administration,  
Aviation Information Systems  
MAIS-24

"I'm thankful for my family."

# Pin-up



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Brig. Gen George J. Trautman III, commanding general of MCB Hawaii presents 1st Lt. Kevin D. Briggs with a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for service in Iraq, awarded by Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Gordon R. England. Briggs and others received their awards at a Nov. 18 flagpole ceremony here.





Devil Dogs traverse their way across the sands at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Nov. 18 during raid rehearsals.



Marines with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment practiced casualty security and evacuation Nov. 18 at MCTAB.

# Storming the beach

2/3 hits Bellows for mock insurgency drill

**Story and Photos by  
Sgt. Jerome L. Edwards**

*Press Chief*

**Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii** — Members of Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment attacked Marine Corps Training Area Bellows last week during training conducted by Special Operations Training Group III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"Basically, we're working on company level raids on insurgency targets," said Capt. Pete Capuzzi, Golf Company commander. "Tuesday we conducted raids on a mock insurgency safe house. We had an insurgency leader there who was a high value target so our mission was to capture him and turn him over to higher headquarters for questioning and information gathering, which would be used to plan future operations."

The exercise presented the company with scenarios dealing with ridding allied countries of terrorists.

"On Wednesday, we conducted another raid. The scenario was that the head guy for the whole insurgency force, named Ahmad Ali Koa Kau Kau, ... is basically what we consider Osama

Bin Laden, and he is meeting with his three senior lieutenants in a tunnel complex. Our mission as a company was to go capture or kill this guy. If we were able to do so, it would cripple the insurgency operations in the area so the populace we are here to help will get the time they need to build their forces up so they can take care of the problem and the U.S. Forces can leave," said Capuzzi.



The tunnel complex at Bellows is used to train during the raid packages.

Marines of SOTG evaluate raid packages from I and III Marine Expeditionary Forces continuously, and this expertise proved to be a great asset for the trainees, according to Capuzzi.

"They tell us what we're doing well and not so well," said Capuzzi. "Special Operations Training Group gave us classes on casualty evacuation and some breaching techniques in case there were obstacles on an objective."

"It was good training and the rehearsals are really good for the new guys, it gets them on the same page as everyone else and lets them learn their roles," said Cpl. Chris Cross, a fire team leader. "The casualty play helps a lot. It makes everyone think on their toes and start to realize what we should be doing in order to take care of one another if we were in a real world situation."



Above — Cpl. Gerald Ritter (rear), a team leader, stands guard over injured Pfc. Nicholas Sommers (right), an automatic rifleman and Lance Cpl. Zachery Daniels (left), a guns platoon member, Nov. 18.

Left — Marines with Golf Company 2/3 drag their "wounded" comrades to safety during rehearsal runs at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.

# Winning chef goes ‘south of the border’

**Cpl. Jessica M. Mills**  
*Sports Editor*

The sweet mixed aromas of Cochinita Pabil, Grilled Chicken Wings in Gaiyang Sauce, Golden Chicken Risotto, Baked Stuffed Pollack and Shrimp Gumbo had Marines’ and Sailors’ senses floating on air as they entered the Anderson Hall Dining Facility, Nov. 17, during the Chef of the Quarter competition here.



Cpl. Jessica M. Mills

Chef of the Quarter victor Sgt. Stephanie Kinzel, a food service specialist with 3rd Radio Battalion, serves her award-winning Mexican dishes to Col. Michael Love, commanding officer, Marine Aircraft Group 24.

Although each of the meticulously prepared dishes tempted the palettes of the guests, out of the five chefs competing, the Mexican-themed meal of Sgt. Stephanie Kinzel, a food service specialist with 3rd Radio Battalion, won the Chef of the Quarter distinction for the first quarter for fiscal year 2005.

The week before the competition, Kinzel was focused on preparing ceremonial and edible birthday cakes for the Marine Corps Birthday

Balls. She was unable to start planning and preparing for the competition until two days before the actual event.

“I really did not expect to win, especially because I was so behind in planning and prep work, compared to the other chefs,” said Kinzel. “In fact, I didn’t even think I wanted to compete. I was so scared to cook for all these people and be judged on the outcome.”

Before Kinzel and the rest of the chefs could compete for the coveted Chef of the Quarter title, they had to complete a 75-question written test on the basics of food service and Marine Corps knowledge. Approximately 10 Marines entered the competition, but the number was weaned throughout the testing.

The second leg of the competition required the chefs to don their “cook whites” and stay composed during an oral board held by the higher command of the Anderson Hall Dining Facility.

The final five competitors then had a few days to plan and prepare their meals for the final judging process. Most of the chefs did not begin preparing their dishes until the day before, and then worked through the entire night to perfect them.

During the competition the dishes were judged based on taste, theme, creativity, presentation and professionalism.

Kinzel created a Mexican-themed meal, which she decorated with clothing items and art of the country. Complementing her

Conchinita Pabil, which was pork baked in banana leaves, was a warm bowl of Sopa de Queso, or cheese soup; some spiced Arroz Negro, known as black rice; and corn-on-the-cob and tortillas.

For dessert, she prepared a creamy delicacy called flan, which was so popular that almost all of the servings were consumed halfway through the event. She also prepared rice pudding with raisins as a secondary dessert.

“I wanted to pick a theme that no one else had, and since I was a late contender, I had a small amount of options to choose from. But this still turned out extraordinarily well,” said Kinzel.

Her dishes were chosen by a variety of food service specialists from Anderson Hall Dining Facility. Her meal was selected over Grilled Chicken Wings in Gaiyang Sauce, Golden Chicken Risotto, Baked Stuffed Pollack and Shrimp Gumbo.

For winning this honor, Kinzel received many awards and gifts, including a Commanding General’s Certificate of Commendation, a 96-hour special liberty pass, a \$50 gift certificate from Sansei Steakhouse in Waikiki, a chef’s garnishing kit, a chef’s coat embroidered with her name, and a cutting board, timer, shirt and knife kit. She will also have the chance to compete against other winners at the Chef of the Year Competition for Fiscal Year 2005, scheduled to take place December 2005.

## 2/3 prepares for Middle East

**Chaplain Ron Nordan (Lt.), CHC, USNR**

*2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines*

During the first week of November, members of Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment were heavily involved in training provided by the III Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group from Okinawa, Japan.

The Mechanized Raid Assault Exercise is part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit workup that 2/3 is currently undertaking. While some of the training is specific to MEU operations, this week allowed the Marines to practice several scenarios that could be encountered in future operations.

“The training that we are doing this week in many ways is building upon what we did at HCAX during the months of September and October,” said 1st Sgt. Eric Harris. “While beginning at a squad level and building to platoon exercises, the culmination of this week led to a company wide night raid. The more that we train, the better we will be prepared for whatever comes our way in the future.”

The training the Marines received should increase the

ability to handle operational challenges in the days ahead.

“Training has been going very well,” said Staff Sgt. Rutilo Jurado, 1st Platoon. “Many of the raids that we have practiced have been in urban environments, making it beneficial training to operations such as Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas. The training has been pretty intense with new Marines being thrown into some chaotic scenarios. But I will have to say that they have held up very well.”

Returning from an eight-month deployment in support of the 31st MEU in July, 2/3 has seen a pretty large turnover. Many newly promoted noncommissioned officers are finding themselves in new positions of leadership. While this can be challenging, it is also a very rewarding experience. Cpl. James Vercellino, 3rd Platoon, and Cpl. Justin Bradley, 2nd Platoon are finding their new tasks to be challenging. The time to prepare themselves and their Marines can be taxing at times, but they both seem to be taking on their new role with the confidence and efficiency of those who have been at it for much longer.

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### LETTER, From A-2

who nearly won the presidency of the United States. Doubly ironic that Kerry’s own crewman noted that the “hero” “won” his Silver Star for shooting a wounded and dying Viet Cong teenager in the back. Where was NBC for that one? Now this is an irony a grunt can really appreciate.

In Iraq we are dealing with a species of subhuman lower than a rabid animal. They are not warriors. They are not even men. They are poisonous vermin that have relinquished all rights as human beings. With their beheadings and butchery they have earned the right to be exterminated.

And so this Marine and his squad, after days of combat and fully aware that many of the “dead” or “wounded” have been booby trapped or hiding weapons, enter a charnel room. On the floor are several dead or wounded Iraqis. One moves. In that eternal instant of time between a heartbeat and a trigger squeeze, the Marine shoots him. NBC’s camera couldn’t have been any closer. And it couldn’t have missed more of the truth had it tried.

These young men are not accidentally Marines. Theirs is a hard-earned honor that is treasured for a lifetime. They represent the finest Americans of their generation. Honor is part of

their warriors’ code. And yet NBC didn’t even note that this Marine’s comrades were unanimous in their support of his actions.

I have every confidence that the leadership of the United States Marine Corps will stand just as fast in the face of political correctness as this Marine’s squad has done in the face of battle. To do otherwise grants victory to planet NBC and the slithering denizens of its lower depths.

May God bless and protect this young Marine and all his comrades in arms.

Semper Fi, my brothers,  
John Schalestock, USMC 1960 – 64

### Worship Services Schedule MCB Hawaii Chapel

Monday to Friday: 11:45 a.m. – Daily Mass  
Saturday: 5 p.m. – Roman Catholic Mass  
Sunday: 8 a.m. – Protestant Liturgical Service  
9:30 a.m. – Roman Catholic Mass  
11 a.m. – Protestant Contemporary Service

#### 2004 Holiday Programs

##### Saturday

5 p.m. — “Thanksgiving II Mass: God Bless Our Children”  
6 p.m. — Chapel Community Potluck  
7 p.m. — “Hanging of the Christmas Greens” Service

##### Dec. 8

11:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. — RC Holy Day: Immaculate Conception

##### Dec. 13

7 p.m. — RC Penance Service

##### Dec. 14

5 p.m. — Christmas Caroling at Mokapu Mall

##### Dec. 19

3 p.m. — Children’s Christmas Program/Party

##### Dec. 24

6 p.m. — Protestant Candlelight Service  
7:30 p.m. — RC Mass  
11:30 p.m. — RC Midnight Mass

##### Dec. 25

9:30 a.m. — Christmas Day Mass

##### Jan. 1, 2005

9:30 a.m. — New Year’s Day Mass



RE-ENLIST, From A-1

ment to Afghanistan.

“This is awesome,” said Staff Sgt. Jack Johnson, career planner for 3/3. “These three were the first to initiate their re-enlistment here, and it’s just the best thing for the unit.”

For the Marines of India Co., seeing their NCOs re-enlist in the face of what will be the first combat-mission deployment for many of them seemed to raise morale significantly.

“I think it says a lot about the leadership here,” added 1st Sgt. John Krumholz, India Co., 3/3 first sergeant. “They initiated this process long before they knew

how well they would be financially rewarded,” he added. “These Marines are all strong leaders, and it says a lot about them that they want to continue being there for their Marines.”

After an address from the India company commander, Capt. James Sweeney, in which he encouraged the Marines to follow the lead of their NCOs, the newly re-enlisted Marines were congratulated by the company.

In another re-enlistment ceremony no less significant for it not being his first, Staff Sgt. Derrick Hancock, warehouse chief with 3/3, re-enlisted “for another 20 years,” as one fellow Staff NCO joked.

Hancock, who was instrumental in

the best gear possible prior to this deployment, accepted his honorable discharge and his re-enlistment certificate in front of his Marines.

“This is why I held off re-enlisting until we got here,” said Hancock proudly, “I joined the Marine Corps to get to do things like fight for my country overseas, and getting to re-enlist in Afghanistan is just another part of that.”

The four Marines proudly displayed their re-enlistment certificates in bright-red folders for all to see, as if to say, “If we stay Marine, so can you.”

Floresmartinez, who is known by his Marines only to speak when his words carry weight, said it best for all of the re-enlistees:

“I can’t wait to do it again in four years.”

2/3, From A-4

For several Marines in Echo Company, this is their first taste of true infantry life. While the training is both mentally and physically challenging, they are now learning and doing what led many of them to become a Marine in the first place. Lance Cpls. Lyle Martin and Jacob Kareus were honor graduates in their SOI classes. Both are new to the unit, having been on deck for less than a month.

The final raid involved a hard hit on a fictitious enemy insurgent leadership meeting. Utilizing a Nike Missile sight built into the side of a cavern at the south end of Marine Corps Training Base Bellows, this particular event is designed to carry out fairly realistic combat training inside a combat objective. The success of the mission would hinge upon successful interception of enemy leadership and either capturing or killing the individuals involved in this meeting.

When all was said and done, the mission was a success and the 2/3 Devil Dogs completed one of many upcoming training evolutions to prepare them to be ready when called upon.

DUIs are career killers

(Editor’s Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the **Hawaii Marine** newspaper.)

- Nov. 4, Lance Cpl. Kalewa Aweau of Researching Command for driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license after refusing a blood alcohol content test.

•Nov. 6, Lance Cpl. Francisco J. Salinas of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, for DUI with a BAC of .126 percent.

•Nov. 6, Pfc. Moises C.
- Chavez of Fox Company, 2/3, for DUI with a BAC of .109 percent.

•Nov. 19, Cpl. David A. Young of 3rd Marine Regiment, for DUI with a BAC of .09 percent.

•Nov. 21, Lance Cpl. Emanuel Jimenz of Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, for DUI, reckless driving and open container after refusing a BAC test.

COURSE, From A-1

The instructors demonstrated an array of exercises that the Marines enacted at each station. Everything from buddy carries and Marine Corps Martial Arts Program drills, to sandbag tosses and ladder sprints took place on the green field.

“It was the type of training that you had to have heart to enjoy,” said Johnson, a Highland, Mich., native. “It was tough, but the instructors were always yelling and encouraging us. That made a big difference for me.”

The training is available to any unit that wants to participate. The full

course is a week long and involves classroom time and practical application.

“We are encouraging units to participate in the training,” said Staff Sgt. David B. Tomlinson, staff noncommissioned officer of the martial arts program, Regimental Schools. “Combat conditioning was a program developed at the head (Headquarters Marine Corps) school for martial arts as a more combat active way to physically train. Units everywhere can benefit from it.”

The goal for the instructors is for units to implement it into weekly physical training.

“I think Marines should do this training more often,” agreed Johnson. “It is a fun physical way to condition your body.”

According to Tomlinson, a Philadelphia, Penn., native, the combat conditioning program is in its second year of test phasing before the program will be fully implemented into the Marine Corps training schedule. Once the test phase is complete, the goal is to have a weekly requirement of three hours a week of combat conditioning per Marine.

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